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Re: WT Docket No. 11-65

Dear Commissioners:

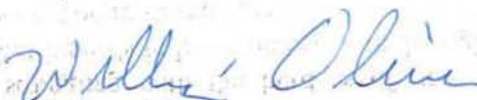
I am writing on behalf of the Noxubee County Board of Supervisors in Mississippi to urge your support of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. For the residents of our county, this is much more than a merger between corporations. The wireless broadband benefits that would come from this combination would offer an important economic step up, a chance for badly needed new jobs and improvement in our residents' quality-of-life.

Many families in our county have been struggling with the burdens of rural poverty for generations. The work ethic is strong here, but it needs to be combined with the right tools. No tool is more essential to Noxubee County's economic development than access to high-speed broadband connections. Widespread access to this technology would open the door to expansion of our agricultural economic base and help attract new employers. Connectivity for our residents would allow them to take advantage of the miraculous applications in health care, education and civic participation that broadband makes possible.

AT&T's offer to expand and accelerate the provision of its 4G LTE wireless network across the country post-merger would have a direct and positive impact on our county. Tiny towns and remote rural areas of Noxubee would gain wireless Internet access at speeds equivalent to those in cities like Jackson and Memphis. This would certainly be a fundamental resource for the future of Noxubee to build on.

This merger would assist in reaching our nation's goal of universal broadband, and rural areas like ours would be major beneficiaries.

Sincerely,



William Oliver

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